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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

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RESPONSE TO PATENT OFFICE COMMUNICATION

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the February 25, 2003, Patent Office Communication, Applicants respectfully submit that the previous Response to Restriction and Election of Species Requirements filed on January 17, 2003, was fully response to the December 17, 2002, Restriction and Election of Species Requirement.

The February 25 Communication indicates that the January 17 Response was not fully responsive, because it did not include an election of a specific sub-species from the different species of stabilizers. Applicants disagree.


The December 17 Office Action required election of a sub-genus of the at least one stabilizer of claim 1, and a particular species of such sub-genus.

In response to the Election of Species Requirement, Applicant on January 17 elected "the sub-genus where the at least one stabilizer is an herbal extract." In addition, in that same Response, Applicants specifically elected "the particular species where the at least one stabilizer is tetrahydrocurcumin." Applicants further asserted that at least claims 1, 32, 33, 34,

and 65 are generic to the elected species, and at least claims 1-5, 7-8, 18-45, and 65 read on the elected species. Applicants then appropriately traversed the election of species Requirement.

Because Applicants timely responded to the Election of Species Requirement in full, and have now reaffirmed that election, Applicants submit that examination of the application should proceed. Early and favorable consideration of the application are respectfully requested. Should the Examiner have any questions regarding the application, or any suggestions to expedite prosecution, he is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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